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 UMNITSA, ZVUK, RULEVOJ, PEL, PROBATIONERS, MAKSIN, AMT AND MER
KRAMER, PERIO, FLATO, GLASSER, FITZGERALD ETC: GROUP OF FELLOW COUNTRYMEN IN CARTHAGE [WASHINGTON D.C.] (1944)

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On 27th April UMNITsA[i] reported as follows:

"After ZVUK's[ii] death, RULEVOJ[iii]

[15 groups unrecovered]

on RULEVOJ's instructions. ZVUK

[41 groups unrecovered].

PEL[iv] used to meet R.[v] before meeting me. In future if R. permits my meeting with PEL [4 groups unrecovered] R..[vi] Even ZVUK used not to meet P.[vii] more often than once in six months."

Possibly she is making this up and exaggerating. At least [3 groups unrecovered] exclusive control of [a] the PROBATIONERS[STAZHERY] and expressed[b] an unreasoning ZhIVOTNYJ] fear [D% that] we will contact them direct. It is essential that either MAKSIM[viii] or I should see R. and come to an agreement: that the whole group and UMNITSA

[15 groups unrecovered]

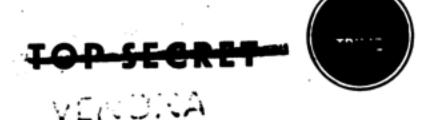
I recommended [C% asking]

[45 groups unrecovered]

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ANT[ix].

[7 groups unrecovered]

group: -

KRAMER[KREJMER][x], PERLO[PRLO][xi], FLATO[FLETO][xii], GLASSER[GLAZER][xiii], Edward FITZGERALD[EDUARD FITSDZHERALD][xiv] and others in a group of 7 or 8 FELLOW COUNTRYMEN[ZEMLYAKI][xv][c].

UMNITSA talked with AMT and PERIO. They told her that this group was neglected and that nobody was interested in them. KRANER is the leader of the group. All occupy responsible posts in CARTHAGE[KARFAGEN][xvi].

[20 groups unrecovered]

AMT and PERLO

[29 groups unrecoverable]

NEIGHBOURS[SOSEDI][xvii]. For more than a year MAKSIM and I tried to get in touch with PERLO and FLATO. For some reason or other RULEVOJ did not come to the meeting and has just decided to put U.[xviii] in touch with the whole group. If we work with this group it will be necessary to remove her and [2 groups unrecovered].

Recently I met PERLO by chance in ARENA's[xix] flat.

For your information: I have never met RULEVOJ

[7 groups unrecovered]

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 $\mathbf{MER}[\mathbf{x}]$

Notes: [a] Literally "full monopoly over".

- [b] Or "express". The group represents either 3rd person singular or 3rd plural.
- [c] If it is assumed that a conjunction or punctuation has been omitted after "others", the passage could be interpreted as: "... in the group there are 7 or 8 FOLLOW COUNTRYMEN".

Comments: [i] UMNITsA:

i.e. "CLEVER GIRL"; Elizabeth BENTLEY.

[ii] ZVUK:

i.e. "SCUND"; Jacob GOLOS, who died in

November 1943.

[iii] RULEVOJ:

i,.e. "HELMSMAN"; Earl BROWDER.

[iv] PEL:

Cyrillic transliteration of English word "PAL"; Nathan Gregory SILVERMASTER.

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Comments:

[v] R.:

RULEVOJ. See comment [iii] above.

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[vi] R..:

Represents the abbreviation R. followed by

the fullstop at the end of the sentence.

[vii] Par

PEL. See comment [iv] above.

[viii] MAKSIM:

Vasilij Mikhajlovich ZUBILIN.

[ix] AMT:

John J. ABT. (Also occurs as AMT in No. 687

of 13th May 1944 (3/NBP/T910). It seems

unlikely that this is a covername. Presumably

it is a persistent misspelling.)

[x] KRAMER:

Charles KR/MER.

(xi) PERLO:

Victor PERLO. (Spelt as PRLO throughout the

message; presumably a spelling mistake.)

(xii) FLATO:

Charles FLATO.

(xiii) GLASSER:

Harold GLASSER.

[xiv] Edward FITZGERALD: Edward Joseph FITZGERALD.

[xv] FELLOW COUNTRYMEN: Members of the Communist Party.

[xvi] CARTHAGE:

WASHINGTON D.C.

[xvii] NEIGHBOURS:

Members of another Soviet intelligence

organisation.

[xviii] U.

UMNITsA. See comment [i] above.

[xix] ARENA:

Probably Mary Wolfe PRICE.

[xx] MER:

i.e. "MAYOR"; probably Iskhak Abdulovich

AKhMEROV.

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